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what the state budget is. It cannot be a basis for justifying this kind of policy decision. We don't need to put...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the grocers into this where they're making a profit off each food stamp transaction, then they're paying the credit card company 1.5 percent off whatever this transac...of whatever this credit card transaction is. They said that because the credit card companies gave them a good line and persuaded them to get into the credit card companies program that justifies them being there, so we ought to justify them in asking the state to pay them five cents for every transaction, whereas, they pay the credit card company 1.5 percent of whatever the transaction is. What they're saying doesn't make sense to me and I think it doesn't make sense to me because it's an illogical, unreasonable argument. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, an announcement.

CLERK: Mr. President, an announcement, first of all, then some items, if I might. Business and Labor will meet in Executive Session underneath the north balcony now; north balcony, Business and Labor. Mr. President, your Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance reports LB 963, LB 1012 to General File; LB 885, LB 890 (sic)...LB 885 to General File with amendments; and LB 897, LB 967, LB 1020, LB 1071 indefinitely postponed (sic--LB 1071 to General File with amendments). A series of amendments: Senator Tyson to LB 301; Senator Beutler to LB 661 and LB 752. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 525-531.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On with discussion on the bracket motion to LB 429. Senators Janssen, Smith, Baker, Vrtiska, and Cunningham. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the body, if we need to go back to the dollar and cent that we were talking about yesterday, one scenario, if 50 percent, just